

Melanie McAlister to address Graduate Workshop in Diplomatic and International History

The next meeting of the Graduate Workshop in Diplomatic and International History at the Ohio State University will be on Tuesday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Mershon Center.

Our guest will be Melani McAlister, Associate Professor of American Studies and International Affairs at George Washington University. She writes and teaches about media and popular culture, foreign policy, religion, U.S. cultural history, and globalization. She is the author of *Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and U.S. Interests in the Middle East since 1945* (University of California Press, rev. ed. 2005, orig. 2001). She is currently working on a study of Christian evangelicals, popular culture, and foreign relations, tentatively titled *Our God in the World: The Global Visions of American Evangelicals*. Dr. McAlister is currently serving on the editorial boards of *Diplomatic History* and *American Quarterly*.

Dr. McAlister's talk, "Prophecy, Politics, and Popular Culture: American Evangelicals and the Middle East," is a follow-up and expansion on her public lecture "The Global Visions of American Evangelicals," which will be held at 4.p.m. on Monday, April 10th, at the Humanities Institute, 104 East 15th Ave. Participants are encouraged to attend both lectures if possible.

Dr. McAlister has requested that workshop participants read her essay "Prophecy, Politics, and the Popular," in *Palestine, Israel, and the Politics of Popular Culture* (2005), edited by Rebecca Stein. Hard copies of the readings will be available outside of Peter Hahn's office, Dulles 271. Please e-mail chamberlin.33@osu.edu if you have any questions.